

HOUSE BILL No. 1204

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-13-7.

Synopsis: Emergency alert system advisory committee. Establishes the emergency alert system advisory committee to: (1) develop, update, and monitor the effectiveness of the state emergency alert system plan; (2) make recommendations concerning acquisition of appropriate technology and equipment to make the emergency notification system effective on a timely basis in all portions of Indiana; and (3) through the state police department, purchase appropriate technology and equipment to equip local primary relaying stations with monitoring equipment. Appropriates \$350,000 from the state general fund to the state police department for the committee's expenses during the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-13-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2008]:

4 **Chapter 7. Emergency Alert System Advisory Committee**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "emergency alert system" refers**
6 **to the system described in 47 CFR 11.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**
8 **emergency alert system advisory committee established by section**
9 **3 of this chapter.**

10 **Sec. 3. The emergency alert system advisory committee is**
11 **established.**

12 **Sec. 4. (a) The committee consists of the following members:**

13 **(1) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The**
14 **superintendent or the superintendent's designee is the**
15 **committee's chair.**

16 **(2) The executive director of the department of homeland**
17 **security or the executive director's designee.**



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(3) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(4) An individual representing the National Weather Service, appointed by the governor.

(5) An individual representing television broadcasters in Indiana, appointed by the governor.

(6) An individual representing radio broadcasters in Indiana, appointed by the governor.

(b) The following apply to a committee member appointed under subsection (a)(4), (a)(5), or (a)(6):

(1) The term of a member begins on the later of the following:

(A) July 1 after the member is appointed.

(B) The day the member accepts the member's appointment.

(2) The term of a member expires on July 1 of the fourth year after the year the member's term begins.

(3) A member may be reappointed to serve a new term.

Sec. 5. The committee shall do the following:

(1) Develop, update, and monitor the effectiveness of the state emergency alert system plan.

(2) Make recommendations concerning the acquisition of appropriate technology and equipment to make the emergency notification system effective on a timely basis in all parts of Indiana.

(3) Through the department, purchase appropriate technology and equipment to equip local primary relaying stations with monitoring equipment.

Sec. 6. The department shall provide administrative and staff support for the committee.

Sec. 7. (a) The committee's expenses shall be paid from appropriations made by the general assembly.

(b) Money received by the committee as a grant or a gift is appropriated for the purposes of the grant or the gift.

Sec. 8. (a) Each member of the committee who is not a state employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Each member of the committee who is a state employee is

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1 entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses as provided under
2 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
3 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
4 procedures established by the Indiana department of
5 administration and approved by the budget agency.

6 Sec. 9. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members on
7 the committee are required for the committee to take action on any
8 measure.

9 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] (a) There is
10 appropriated to the state police department three hundred fifty
11 thousand dollars (\$350,000) from the state general fund for the
12 direct expenses of the emergency alert system advisory committee
13 beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

14 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2009.

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